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TAGS: MASS, UK, US, EG

SUBJ: UK/MOD INTEREST IN RELEASE OF MK 44 TORPEDO FOR  
SALE TO EGYPT

1. REGINALD ANDERSON, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FOR SALES, MOD, RAISED AGAIN DURING A LUNCH MEETING WITH EMBOFF MACDONALD, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE USG WOULD RELEASE THE MK 44 TORPEDO FOR UK SALE TO EGYPT. HE REMINDED EMBOFF THAT THE BRITISH MANUFACTURE THE MK 44 UNDER LICENSE AND WANT TO SUPPLY THEM AS PART OF A UK SEA KING HELICOPTER PACKAGE TO EGYPT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, ANDERSON EMPHASIZED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH WASHINGTON IN MARCH/APRIL AND THAT EGYPTIANS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE RELEASE OF THE MK 44 TORPEDO. ANDERSON SAID THAT ASHRAF MARRWAN, PRESIDENT SADAT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WHO WAS PRESENT AT SOME MEETINGS BETWEEN SADAT AND SECSTATE, TOLD THE BRITISH OF THE FOREGOING.

3. ANDERSON ALSO MUSED ALOUD HIS HOPE OF SELLING TO  
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JORDAN THE BRITISH RAPIER SYSTEM (LOW-LEVEL ANTI-AIRCRAFT

GUIDED MISSILE MADE BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION) IF  
THE US IS "PRECLUDED BY CONGRESS FROM SUPPLYING HAWK".  
ANDERSON REMARKED THAT HIS PEOPLE JUDGED RAPIER TO BE  
"A MORE SUITABLE SYSTEM AND A BETTER BUY" FOR JORDAN THAN  
HAWK UNLESS JORDAN ACQUIRED HAWK THROUGH GRANT AID.

4. ANDERSON REQUESTED THAT WASHINGTON AGAIN ADDRESS THE  
ISSUE OF RELEASABILITY OF THE MK 44 TORPEDO.

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